Indian farmers in Argentina for cultivation

181. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the interest shown by the Government of Argentina to allow Indian farmers to migrate to Argentina to take up cultivation;

(b) whether it is a fact that experts from both countries are planning to discuss about the development of the agriculture in Argentina with the help of the Indian farmers; and

(c) whether the Prime Minister discussed this proposal with the President of Argentina at Kualalumpur meeting?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is presently at a preliminary stage. Details are yet to be finalised by the Argentina Government. We will process this proposal after we have received comprehensive details from Argentina.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Operational difficulties at Nhava Sheva Port

182. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 878 crores Nhava Sheva Port, commissioned in 1989, is in operational difficulties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to streamline its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port at Nhava Sheva was inaugurated on 26-5-1989. The total cost of the Project is Rs. 986.08 crores including capitalised interest of Rs. 107.44 crores. Testing and trial of the container handling equipment and the bulk handling equipment had to be carried out when the ships started coming. During these operations, a number of defects like design defects, poor workmanship, inadequate material specifications, and consequent operational problems etc., were noticed. A large number of these defects have since been rectified. The details of defects noticed and rectified are given in the attached statement (See Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 7) In order to further streamline the operations, review meetings are held periodically and follow up action taken. Intensive training has been given to the employees of the port and experts from abroad have also assisted the port in identifying and remedying problems.

Financial assistance to dependents of terrorist violence victims in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab

183. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of financial assistance rendered to the next of kin dependents of victims of terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir in case the victim is (a) police personnel, (b) civilian and (c) Central Government/State Government employee;

(b) whether other facilities like allotment of house/plot of land, bank loan and subsidy, educational and employment benefits etc. are also provided to the next of kin, etc. in such cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the arrangements made to ensure that the next of kin, dependents of victims of terrorist violence (who have